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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

AMEND POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE MEMBERSHIP (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Per the Board action on March 29, 2011, County Counsel was directed to amend Title 3 - Advisory Commission and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to add representatives from the Departments of Mental Health (DMH), Public Health (DPH) and Probation as members of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care. The requested amendment is submitted for adoption.

JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILD CARE THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Accept the attached amendment to Title 3 – Advisory Commission and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code, which adds representatives of DMH, DPH and Probation as members of the Policy Roundtable for Child Care.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On March 29, 2011, your Board adopted five recommendations presented by the Chief Executive Office and the Policy Roundtable for Child Care (Roundtable). Among those recommendations was the adoption of the Child Care Policy Framework 2011 - 2013 and a directive to County Counsel to prepare an amendment to Title 3 - Advisory Commission and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to add representatives

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of DMH, DPH and Probation to the Policy Roundtable for Child Care. County Counsel has prepared that amendment and it is presented for adoption by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The requested action is consistent with Goal 2 of the County's Strategic Plan:

"Children, Family and Adult Well-being. Enrich lives through integrated, cost-effective, and client centered supportive services."

Expanding the Roundtable membership to include representatives from DMH, DPH and Probation will facilitate efforts to better integrate child development and County services aimed at young children and their families. Such efforts are in alignment with the goals of the County's Strategic Plan and Child Care Policy Framework.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The fiscal impact of County department participation on the Roundtable is estimated at three to five hours per month of an individual staff person.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Roundtable members are expected to participate in 11 monthly meetings, an annual retreat, and one Committee per year. Committee work is frequently conducted by conference call and email, limiting travel time for all members.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

DMH, DPH and Probation have each made commitments to undertake specific actions in the current Child Care Policy Framework. For example:

- DPH has committed to working with the Steps to Excellence Project (STEP) to research nutrition and activity standards and obesity prevention for inclusion in the STEP child care rating and training activities.
- DMH has agreed to explore the use of child development settings for mental health services including, but not limited to multidisciplinary team evaluations.
- Teen parents under the jurisdiction of Probation will be introduced to their local child care resource and referral agency and assisted in enrolling their children in child development services prior to exiting from department supervision.

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As members of the Roundtable, department representatives will have the opportunity to expand such collaborations to advance both County and departmental goals.

CONCLUSION

Amending the Roundtable membership to include representatives from DMH, DPH and Probation will support the goals of the County Strategic Plan and the Policy Framework and reinforce collaborative efforts already underway.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Policy Roundtable for Child Care

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Attachment (1)

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